

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment to claims 16 and 34 prior to further examination. No new matter has been introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Telephonic Interview

We thank Examiner Glenn for the telephonic interview on May 19, 2004 and the opportunity to discuss the substance of our remarks letter filed with a Request for Continued Examination on October 22, 2003. Examiner Glenn was then to consult with Primary Examiner Pascal regarding the May 19th interview.

Examiner Glenn contacted Applicant on May 20, 2004 to discuss her conversation with Examiner Pascal. In this discussion, Examiner Glenn, with authority from Examiner Pascal, agreed with Applicant that Arevalo teaches away from the present invention because Arevalo teaches a standard or typical directional coupler using a standard 50 ohm to 50 ohm design. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-35 under U.S.C. 103 (a). Claims 1-35 are now believed to be allowable and acceptance is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claims 16 and 34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 16 and 34 have been amended to correct antecedent basis for “the bias voltage port” as recited on line 2 of each claim. Claims 16 and 34 now recite “a” bias voltage port.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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